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Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 and indicate that they were considered by making an appropriate notation on this form.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed: with the above-referenced application.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents:

1. Japanese Application No. 4-320132 discloses schedule management on a search and on a transmit time for a search result.
2. Japanese Application No. 7-250194 discloses schedule management in a transmit time.

3. Japanese Application No. 10-42114 - discloses that at a receive time, a digital copying machine periodically gains access to a receive header management file in a server corresponding to its client directory to confirm whether or not there is any receiving image data. In the case where there is such image data, the digital copying machine gains access to an image file directory and takes up corresponding image data.

The relevance of this document is discussed at page 1 of the specification of the present application.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

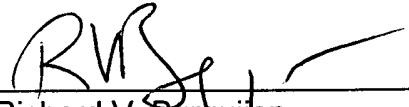
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